OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LONDON, ENGLAND

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Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., Bush House, London.

Dear Sir Robert:

I hasten to put in writing the substance of what we discussed at luncheon today.

It seemed to both of us, I think, that it was rather a waste for P.W.E. and O.S.S. (the Research and Analysis Branch of the latter in particular) to work in the dark from each other on substantially the same things. It seemed also that failure to work on a basis of common understanding might result in divergent conclusions. Such a result could lead only to very serious confusion, and even embarrassment to the Commanders in the field.

The fact is that the Office of Strategic Services, and through it the Research and Analysis Branch, has been charged with very important obligations which parallel some of the functions, at least, of the P.W.E. Among them are the following:

Marshal General has requested the Research and Analysis Branch to participate in the preparation of these handbooks. R. & A. will prepare some ten sections; three others are to be prepared respectively by the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture, and the Treasury or the Federal Reserve.

Psychological Warfare. As a result of action by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the conduct of certain phases and the supervision of other phases of psychological warfare have become important responsibilities of 0.S.S. The London office of R. & A. has the general assignment of forwarding information and reports, by cable when necessary, which shall tend to implement these functions.

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Special Reports for the Services. These cover a wide variety of subjects, geographical, social, political and economic. In some subjects they may call for information in fields identical with those being covered by P.W.E.; in others they may be quite distinct.

Officers of the R. & A. in Washington are in frequent conversation with Mr. Adams, who is there on assignment from P.W.E. The relationship has been highly satisfactory from the American standpoint and we hope it has given equal satisfaction to you. The specific suggestion to you is that Mr. Crane Brinton, Assistant Director of our branch office in London, serve in a like capacity here to that of Mr. Adams in Washington. If such an arrangement meets with your approval I shall be glad to designate him and he will be glad to accept.

The main object we want to attain through closer association in London with P.W.E. is the avoidance of divergent expressions of opinion and statements of fact in the handbooks, reports and memoranda which the two offices are currently producing. The secondary object is to avoid waste in time and effort, since promptness is essential to the success of our joint national undertaking.

In addition to all this, please accept my thanks for your very cordial reception today.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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